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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims is proposed to replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A cosmetic powder ~~to which a coating is associated~~ wherein comprising:
~~said powder comprises a powder core comprising~~ at least one of the group consisting of ~~excipients~~ talc, mica, kaolin, nylon, pigments, and spherical and non-spherical silica; and
a coating applied to the powder core, the coating comprising ~~wherein said coating~~ comprises at least one polymer or co-polymer belonging to the poly alpha hydroxy acids family, whereby said alpha hydroxy acid polymer or copolymer can degrade and release onto the skin of a wearer at least one of monomers and oligomers when on application of ~~said cosmetic powder is applied to the skin.~~
2. (Previously presented) The cosmetic powder according to claim 1, comprising said powder in a quantity between 0.1 and 99.9% by weight.
3. (Previously presented) The cosmetic powder according to claim 1, comprising said poly alpha hydroxy acids in a quantity between 0.0001 and 60% by weight.
- 4-5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously presented) The cosmetic powder according to claim 1, wherein said coating includes poly DL-lactide.

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7. (Previously presented) The cosmetic powder according to claim 1, wherein said coating includes at least one of lipid, lipophilic and hydrophilic functional substances.

8. (Previously presented) The cosmetic powder according to claim 1, wherein said coating includes at least one of vitamins and amino acids.

9. (Original) Cosmetic composition containing at least one cosmetic powder according to claim 1.

10. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of a cosmetic powder comprising the steps of:

preparation of a powder phase, wherein said powder phase comprises at least one of the group consisting of excipients talc, mica, kaolin, nylon, pigments, and spherical and non-spherical silica;

preparation of an alpha hydroxy acids polymer or co-polymer phase;

mixture of said powder phase and of said alpha hydroxy acids polymer or co-polymer phase with a solvent in slurry or spray; and

evaporation of the solvent, to form an alpha hydroxy acids polymer or co-polymer coating on said powder, whereby said coating can degrade and release onto the skin of a wearer at least one of monomers and oligomers when on application of said cosmetic powder ~~is applied~~ to the skin.

11. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 10, wherein said solvent is ethyl acetate.

12. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 10, further comprising the step of mixing said alpha hydroxy acids polymer or co-polymer phase with at least one of lipid, lipophilic and hydrophilic functional substances.

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13. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 10, further comprising the step of mixing said alpha hydroxy acids polymer or co-polymer phase with at least one of vitamins and amino acids.

14. (Previously presented) The cosmetic powder according to claim 2, comprising said powder in a quantity between about 60 and 90% by weight.

15. (Previously presented) The cosmetic powder according to claim 3, comprising said poly alpha hydroxy acids in a quantity between about 0.1 and 20% by weight.

16. (Previously presented) The cosmetic powder according to claim 7, comprising said coating in a quantity between 0.001 and 80% by weight.

17. (Previously presented) The cosmetic powder according to claim 16, comprising said coating in a quantity between about 1 and 30% by weight.